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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, On July 26, 1775, members of the Second
3 Continental Congress, meeting in Philadelphia, agreed: "That a
4 postmaster general be appointed for the United Colonies, who
5 shall hold his office at Philada, and shall be allowed a salary
6 of 1000 dollars per an: for himself, and 340 dollars per an:
7 for a secretary and Comptroller, with power to appoint such,
8 and so many deputies as to him may seem proper and necessary.
9 That a line of posts be appointed under the direction of the
10 Postmaster general, from Falmouth in New England to Savannah in
11 Georgia, with as many cross posts as he shall think fit."; and

12 WHEREAS, This simple statement signaled the birth of the
13 Post Office Department, the predecessor of the U.S. Postal
14 Service and the second oldest federal department or agency of
15 the United States; and

16 WHEREAS, Benjamin Franklin was the first Postmaster
17 General; under him and his immediate successors, the postal
18 system mainly carried communications between Congress and the
19 armies; and

20 WHEREAS, America's present Postal Service descends in an
21 unbroken line from the system Franklin planned and placed in
22 operation; history rightfully accords him major credit for
23 establishing the basis of the system that has well served the
24 growing and changing needs of the American people; and

25 WHEREAS, Today, the United States Postal Service is the
26 third largest employer in the nation and operates the largest
27 civilian vehicle fleet in the world, with an estimated 260,000
28 vehicles, most recognized and identified as the Grumman LLV, or
29 "mail truck"; and

30 WHEREAS, The motto of the Post Office "neither snow nor

1 rain nor heat nor gloom of night stays these couriers from the
2 swift completion of their appointed rounds" still tells us
3 today how hard the men and women of the United States Postal
4 Service work to deliver the mail; therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
6 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
7 we declare July 26 of each year to be Postal Workers Day in the
8 State of Illinois as a way to recognize the hard work and
9 dedication of the men and women of the United States Postal
10 Service.